

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 356**

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TO:	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Definition of Podiatry and Regulation of Podiatric Surgeries		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 356 amends Chapter 51, Title 40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the licensure and regulation of podiatrists. The Bill revises the definition of podiatry to include amputations of toes and other soft tissues below the ankle; and the Bill requires surgeries of the ankle and related soft tissue structures to be performed only in an accredited hospital or ambulatory surgery center. The Bill further provides that the governing documents of health facilities shall not discriminate between persons holding M.D., D.O. or D.P.M. degrees.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation report that there would be no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other funds as a result of this Bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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